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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Riggins

Serial No.: 08/841,950

Filed: April 8, 1997

For: System and Method For Enabling  
Secure Access to Services in a  
Computer Network

Examiner: P. Laufer

Art Unit: 2766

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant submits this preliminary amendment and CPA in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 7, 1999, and extends the shortened statutory period for response until March 7, 2000 by the enclosed two-month Petition for Extension of Time. Applicant requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments before reconsidering the subject application: